

## THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

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In a letter of the president of the C. K. and N. Ry. to a citizen of Phillipsburg, it is stated positively that Phillipsburg will be the permanent division of that railway.

The Rock Island company have taken out a loan of 30 million dollars, and propose to build 1,200 miles of road this season; completing their road from Chicago to Denver, and the one running south to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Cheyenne County Democrat announces that the Northwestern Cattle company have sold to an English syndicate 40,000 acres of land just north of Bird City at one fell swoop. It thinks the syndicate proposes to start a colony having some peculiar religious tenets.

The strike on the C. B. & Q. system, which was begun at 4 o'clock a. m., Monday, February 27th, was universal over the entire system, not less than 2,000 engineers and firemen walking out. The company managed, however, to run their mail and passenger trains to a limited extent. But the strike still continues. It is feared it will extend to other roads.

The latest estimates by the committee on ways and means of the probable reduction in revenue that would be effected by the lately introduced tariff bill are as follows: Chemicals, \$730,000; china and glass, \$1,600,000; cottons, \$277,000; provisions, \$500,000; approximate; woolen goods, \$12,300,000; sundries, \$1,000,000; paper, \$2,500; sugar, \$11,000,000; hemp, flax and jute, \$1,800,000; metals, \$1,500,000, approximated. Free list, \$22,250,000. This would make the total reduction about \$53,000,000.

The Oberlin papers say that neither their city nor citizens are endeavoring or wishing to interest themselves in our election affairs. As a matter of justice to the Oberlin papers we will acknowledge that the Oberlin papers are attending to their own business and letting our people alone, but that does not alter the fact that certain Oberlinites have been down in our county urging opposition to bonding our county for the Rock Island, and the indications are that they have used and intend to use money in attempting the defeat of the bond proposition.

The Kansas Farmer of March 1st contains special reports from 148 special correspondents from every county in the state. From nearly all come cheering reports as to the agricultural prospects for this season. In no part during the winter has there been any considerable suffering. Here is what is said of Thomas county: "Winter pleasant; a few blizzards; stock in good condition; feed enough; wheat and rye in good condition; some wheat sown; considerable plowing; ground in good condition. Crops successfully grown are: wheat, rye, corn, oats, millet, cane, potatoes, broom-corn, alfalfa, Johnson grass and clover. No losses occasioned by cold.

The republican party stands for certain great principles which may well command the loyalty of young men. It holds to a general reform of the civil service. It stands for a treatment of the tariff along the lines of protection of American manufactures and American labor. It insists upon a fair ballot and an honest count, north and south. It antagonizes the dominance of the saloon power and offers the most effective political agency for restraining it. Upon these and other issues it appeals confidently to the young men, who, as they come of age and consider what party associations they shall form, will naturally be drawn toward the party which stands for the right side of current issues.—Western Times.

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## MONTHLY REPORT OF DIST. 36.

Number of pupils enrolled, Males 13; Females 7; Total 20. Total attendance in days, Males 200; Females 110; Total \$19. Average daily attendance, Males 11; Females Total 16. Number of tardinesses 11; neither absent nor tardy 5. Pupils neither absent nor tardy, Jessie Gordon, Vaden Gordon, George Gordon, Ettie Crabtree, George Crabtree.

ESTELLA HAWK, Teacher.

## REPORT OF MONTHLY EXAMINATION.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.  
A Grade: Maud Hutchinson, 90; Orpha Smallwood, 98; Ruby Marble, 98; Florence Lent, 98; Harry Moyer, 98; Maud Feely, 97; James Donelan, 97; Jas. Hines, 96; Grace Gurwell, 96; Lena Budlong, 96; Oliver McReynolds, 94; Bert Youse, 92; Peter Jardine, 61.

B Grade, John Burd ne, 99; Alice Hines, 99; Hattie Walker, 99; Miles Miller, 99; Josie Spaeth, 98; Ada Jones, 98; Willie Walters, 97; Willie Martin, 95; John Stowell, 90; Oscar Plummer, 90; Julius Hoskins, 85; Maud High, 81; Harry High, 77.

The pupils whose average is above 80 per cent are promoted to a higher grade.

HATTIE DEDRICK, Teacher.

## Randall Items.

Beautiful weather, farmers are plowing and getting ready to put in the spring crops, there is to much frost in the ground to break building sod.

James Summer's family are moving to Colby this week to live with the County Clerk.

J. H. Beahm has gone to Oberlin this week to meet his mother. She will stay with him a while.

Please ask Tom Bilger how he stands on the Bond question.

There will be preaching in the Summer School House, Feb. 18th and 19th. By Rev. Scott, Baptist minister.

Villa Munn is to teach the summer term of school in the Summer's School House, commencing the first Monday in May. She taught the winter school and gave good satisfaction, the exhibition the last day was good.

Henry Franklin and wife have just returned from visiting their parents in Sherman Co.

W. H. Wilson looks very pleasant this spring. Cause—a 9 pound boy.

Enis & Mark are the boss well borers, they have just finished a well for W. H. Summer on his father's claim. They bored 128 feet deep and got 15 feet of water. W. H. is going to get a pump for the well this week, he is looking for his father and family the first of March.

We think we will get rail roads without voting Bonds. We are pretty sure of the B. & M. and we think Thomas County and west is too fine a country for the Rock Island to go round.

FLY BY DAY.

## Otterbourne.

Bonds! Bonds! for the Rock Island R. R. is all the talk in these parts.

It is impossible to say what the result will be at the polls, in Randall and Rowell townships, at this writing.

L. N. Hitchcock has a herd of 35 head of the Polled Angus cattle. It is a big help to the County to have thorough-bred stock bred and raised within a days drive of any that desire to see and improve their stock.

Some one that has the means to invest would find it quite profitable to import a few thorough-bred draft Stallions. This is destined to become one of the best Stock counties in the State. And those who start now, in the improvements of their stock and stick to it, through the reverses of a new country, will soon be among the independent farmers.

Well! Who next? Well Sam! what makes you look so? Well! just come over to the house and I will show you that's a fine girl Sam. No Sir; that's a Jas. Blaine. Do you mean to say that's a son? That's what it is. Mother and all doing well.

Miss O. Rich has gone east to visit friends and relatives.

Father of L. N. Hitchcock has arrived, and thinks we have one of the finest counties he has ever seen, and speaks well of our prospective future.

Mr. Archer added a number of boxes to the Post Office department.

They contemplate having a dance at the Dance hall Feb. 21.

The M. E. people are having quite an interest manifested in their protracted meetings, conducted by the presiding Elder, in the Barrett School house.

I. C.

## Shipments of Hay.

The following clipping from the Topeka Capital illustrates the liberal policy of the Rock Island to the agricultural community:

"The Rock Island yesterday made an important concession to shippers. Heretofore a car load of hay has always been put down as 20,000 pounds, though shippers claim 20,000 pounds of hay cannot be put in a car. The following circular issued yesterday by the Rock Island announces a reduction:

The minimum weight for hay, in car loads, on and after this date, will be as follows: On shipments destined to Missouri river points or other points on the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska railway, the minimum load will be as follows: Cars 34 feet in length, 18,000 pounds; cars under 34 feet in length, 16,000 pounds. On shipments destined to points east of the Missouri river, minimum load will be as follows: Cars 28 feet and under in length, 18,000 pounds; cars over 28 feet in length, 20,000 pounds."

## The First Symptoms

Of all Lung diseases are much the same: feverishness, loss of appetite, sore throat, pains in the chest and back, headache, etc. In a few days you may be well, or, on the other hand, you may be down with Pneumonia or "galloping Consumption." Run no risks, but begin immediately to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Several years ago, James Birchard, of Darien, Conn., was severely ill. The doctors said he was in Consumption, and that they could do nothing for him, but advised him, as a last resort, to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. After taking this medicine, two or three months, he was pronounced a well man. His health remains good to the present day.

J. B. Bradley, Malden, Mass., writes: "Three winters ago I took a severe cold, which rapidly developed into Bronchitis and Consumption. I was so weak that I could not sit up, was much emaciated, and coughed incessantly. I consulted several doctors, but they were powerless, and all agreed that I was in Consumption. At last, a friend brought me a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. From the first dose, I found relief. Two bottles cured me, and my health has since been perfect."

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## Ordinance No. 37.

An Ordinance providing for the condemnation of certain property in the city of Colby, Thomas county, state of Kansas, for the purpose of giving the right of way and other privileges in said city to the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railway Company. Be it Ordained by the mayor and councilmen of the city of Colby:

Sec. 1. That all of the following described lots and land in said city be taken and appropriated for the purpose of giving the right of way, and providing depot and station ground for the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railway Company, in said city, to-wit: Lots eight (8) and nine (9) in block ninety-two (92) in said city.

Sec. 2. That T. P. Feehan, H. E. Weld, F. C. Finnelly, J. H. Boden and J. E. Feely, five disinterested householders of said city of Colby, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners and viewers, to appraise and assess the value of all lots and lands taken and appropriated for the purposes aforesaid, as provided in section one of this ordinance, and to ascertain and report the damages which will be sustained by citizens of said city of Colby, and owners of property therein, by reason of such appropriation.

Sec. 3. That said commissioners and viewers shall meet at the southeast corner of lot nine, in block ninety-two, in said city, on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1888, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, and shall each take and subscribe an oath, faithfully and impartially to make the assessment to them submitted, and shall thereupon proceed to make said appraisal and assessment of damages, as provided, and report the same in writing to the mayor and councilmen of said city with all convenient speed, which report shall be filed with the city clerk.

Sec. 4. Upon said report of said commissioners and viewers being examined and confirmed by the mayor and councilmen of said city, the said city shall pay to all persons respectively entitled thereto all damages by them sustained, as ascertained and reported by said commissioners and viewers, and for the payment thereof, an order upon the treasurer of said city, in the usual form, shall be issued to each person respectively entitled thereto.

Sec. 5. That when said report shall be so made, filed, examined, approved and confirmed, as aforesaid, the Chicago, Kansas and Nebraska Railway Company aforesaid, its successors and assigns be, and said Railway Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby given and granted the right and privilege of occupying all of said lots and lands so taken and appropriated, for switches, side-tracks, depots, freight houses, water tanks, and other railway purposes.

Sec. 6. That each of said commissioners and viewers shall receive the sum of three dollars per day for their services.

Sec. 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Thomas County Cat.

Passed the council this 5th day of March, A. D. 1888.

Approved this 14th day of March, A. D. 1888.  
FRANK H. SMITH,  
Acting Mayor of the City of Colby, Kansas.  
Attest, EDWIN S. TRAIL,  
City Clerk.

## Alias Notice No. 8102.

U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kans., February 11, 1888.

Complainant having been entered at this office by George Wilson against John N. Anderson for abandoning his homestead entry No. 4778, dated Aug. 25th, 1885, upon the sec. 34, town 3 south, range 35 west, in Thomas county, Kans., with a view to the cancellation of said entry; alleging abandonment; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law; that he never at any time built a house or established or maintained a residence on said tract, but has wholly abandoned the same, and it is abandoned by him at the present time.

The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 19th day of April, 1888, at 10 o'clock, a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

G. Webb Bertram 3-24-4Mars

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